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Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether a seminar on Industrry and Employment Prespective was held at Calcutta recently;

(b) if so, the details of discussions held in the Seminar and outcome thereof;

(c) whether in view of pressing demands, the Government propose to amend the existing labour laws to make it more effective; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI MUNI LALL)

(a) & (b) : Yes, Sir. A seminar on `Second National Labour Commission: Industry and Employment Perspective` was organised on 27.03.2000 by the All India Organisation of Employers in collaboration with Bharat Chamber of Commerce, Calcutta which was supported by the International Labour Organisation. Shri Ravindra Varma, Chairman, National Commission on Labour delivered the inaugural address at the said seminar.

The need for employment based economic development strategy as also unsustainability of jobless growth was discussed at the Seminar. Further, the importance of having a dual strategy involving restructuring and minimising the job losses on the one hand and creating better, more numerous and productive jobs, healthy competition, a balanced view of not only of consequences of changes but consequences of not changing as also the need for a comprehensive social safety on the other hand was also emphasised.

(c) & (d) : Review/updation of Labour Laws is a continuous process and amendments/fresh legislations are made depending on the result of the review. The Second National Commission on Labour set up vide resolution issued on 15.10.1999 would comprehensively review labour laws to ensure both consistency of labour laws with the general changes taking place in the economic policy and also to provide for greater welfare of the working class. As per its terms of reference, the Commission would suggest rationalisation of existing laws relating to labour in the organised sector and an umbrella legislation for ensuring a minimum level of protection to the workers in the un-organised sector.